

Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Public Notice of Regulatory Impact Report for
10 CSR 20-7.015, Effluent Regulations
November 23, 2012 – January 22, 2013

The Department has published a Regulatory Impact Report (RIR) seeking comments regarding a revision to 10 CSR 20-7.015 Effluent Regulations. A RIR is required at the beginning of the rulemaking process for rulemakings involving environmental standards or conditions. The RIR documents the environmental benefits and economic costs associated with the upcoming rulemaking. The department plans to propose an amendment to effluent regulations. This regulation provides the basis and authority for developing permit limits for wastewater discharges such that water quality standards are maintained.

There are a number of reasons that this rule is being revised. The rule will 1) update bacteria limits and monitoring requirements, 2) clarify language regarding the definition of treatment plant bypasses and sanitary sewer overflows to align with federal language, 3) require the monitoring of many discharges for nutrient concentrations, 4) provide clarification regarding whole effluent toxicity testing, 5) allow for electronic reporting, 6) include provisions for developing limits with regard to various situations like impaired waters, alternative limits during high flows, and the use of local stream data to adjust limits, and 7) reorganize and clarify several elements of the rule.

The department is providing a 60-day open comment period for public review and comment on the RIR, November 23, 2012 through January 22, 2013. An open public comment period on the proposed rule amendment will also be provided during the rulemaking process.

The RIR can be accessed on the Water Protection Rule Development Web site at www.dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/rules/wpp-rule-dev.htm. Written comments regarding the RIR will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2013. Comments should be addressed to John Rustige. Contact information in your e-mails should include your name, e-mail address and phone number. Comments on the RIR and copies of the RIR document may be requested by calling (573) 751-1300, by mail at Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176, Attn: John Rustige, or by e-mail at john.rustige@dnr.mo.gov.